



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 11, 1999

Larry E. Everhart, Treasurer
Ryan for Congress Committee
P.O. Box 1919
Janesville, WI 53547

RE: MUR 4913
Ryan for Congress Committee

Dear Mr. Everhart:

On August 4, 1999, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe Ryan for Congress Committee ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The *Factual and Legal Analysis*, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

You may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit such materials to the General Counsel's Office within 15 days of your receipt of this letter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

In order to expedite the resolution of this matter, the Commission has also decided to offer to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved.

If you are interested in expediting the resolution of this matter by pursuing preprobable cause conciliation, and if you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return the agreement, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

Requests for extensions of time will not be routinely granted. Requests must be made in writing at least five days prior to the due date of the response and specific good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling possible violations of the Act. If you have any questions, please contact Eugene Bull, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Thomas", with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Scott Thomas
Chairman

Enclosures

Factual and Legal Analysis
Procedures
Designation of Counsel Form
Conciliation Agreement

cc: The Honorable Paul Ryan

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FACTUAL & LEGAL ANALYSIS**

RESPONDENTS: Ryan for Congress Committee
and Larry E. Everhart, as treasurer

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This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires principal campaign committees of candidates for federal office to notify in writing either the Secretary of the Senate or the Commission, as appropriate, and the Secretary of State of the appropriate state, of each contribution totaling \$1,000 or more, received by any authorized committee of the candidate after the 20th day but more than 48 hours before any election. 2 U.S.C.

§ 434(a)(6)(A). The Act further requires notification to be made within 48 hours after the receipt of the contribution and to include the name of the candidate and office sought, the date of receipt, the amount of the contribution, and the identification of the contributor. Id. The notification of these contributions shall be in addition to all other reporting requirements. 2 U.S.C.

§ 434(a)(6)(B).

The General Election in the state of Wisconsin was held on November 3, 1998. Pursuant to the Act, the Respondents were required to notify the Commission, in writing, of all contributions of \$1,000 or more received from October 15 through October 31, 1998, within 48 hours of their receipt. A review of the Respondents' 1998 Thirty-Day Post-General Report identified 20 contributions received between October 15 and October 31, 1998, of \$1,000 or more, and totaling \$34,500.00. The Respondents' did not submit 48-Hour Notices for these contributions.

Therefore, there is reason to believe that Ryan for Congress Committee and Larry E. Everhart, as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A) by failing to report campaign contributions of \$1,000 or more, received after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours before the general election, within 48 hours of receipt of the contributions.